



January 12, 2004

United States Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 450 5th Street, N.W.

Judiciary Plaza

Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 20549

Attention: Mary Cascio

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: NORTHERN ORION RESOURCES INC. (the "Company")

Rule 12(g)3-2(b) Exemptions – File #82-3153

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Under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934





Please find enclosed for 12(g) Exemption status the documents required to be made public to the laws of British Columbia and the Policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange. Please note that the Company is a foreign issuer and its securities are neither traded in the United States nor quoted on NASDAQ.

We trust that the information included in this package is complete. However, should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Sincerely,

Shannon M. Ross

Chief Financial Officer

for NORTHERN ORION RESOURCES INC.

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Northern Orion Resources Inc. 12(g)3-2(b) Exemption Application Schedule "A"

PART 1 – Documents required to be Made Public pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the Toronto Stock Exchange in connection with:

A. Press Releases

1. Northern Orion Resources Inc. is Hosting a Quarterly Conference Call to Discuss Previously Released Financials - dated November 25, 2003 - Filed December 8, 2003

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Tuesday, November 25, 2003

NEWS RELEASE VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Northern Orion Resources Inc. is Hosting a Quarterly Conference Call to Discuss Previously Released Financials

Northern Orion CEO David Cohen will host a conference call to discuss the Company's previously released third quarter financial results and give an update on the Agua Rica mine development on Wednesday, November 26th at 15:00 EST (12:00 noon PST). Interested parties may join the call by dialling toll free: 1-800-446-4472 or 416-695-9757 for calls from outside of Canada and the US.

A playback of the call and archived audio web cast will be available until December 3, 2003 on the company's website at www.northernorion.com.

For further information please contact Investor Relations at 1-866-608-9970 or email info@northernorion.com

The TSX has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release. This release may contain forward looking statements which may differ from actual or future results due to market conditions and or field conditions which are beyond the control of the Company.